

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 6, 2022

President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

We, the undersigned members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation, write to you regarding the upcoming selection of the U.S. Army's Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA) to replace the UH-60 Black Hawk. We urge your administration to give all proposals full and fair consideration and strongly encourage the Army to reach a thorough and timely decision on this critical national security program.

As the Army continues to modernize and prepare for near-peer competition, it's critical the platform selected maximize operational capabilities for the Army's air assault mission, meet program requirements, and deliver next-generation speed, range, agility, and overall performance.

Moreover, the helicopter the Army selects must be affordable, producible, and sustainable, as it meets the operational needs of ground force commanders and, most importantly, our nation's warfighters. In a resource-constrained environment, we ask that lessons learned from prior acquisition programs be applied and the total program cost examined. This includes accounting for the training of pilots and units, infrastructure requirements, and overall maintenance and sustainment costs. The FLRAA aircraft selected should be able to integrate into and leverage existing doctrine and support structures, driving down the program's total cost.

Finally, to minimize cost and risk to the acquisition program, it's imperative that the Army take into consideration the producibility of the aircraft selected. Supporting the Army's combat helicopter fleet is a strong, diverse rotary wing industrial base of established partners with hot production lines, efficient supply chains, and state-of-the-art manufacturing technology that can deliver a cost-effective and transformational helicopter for the Army and our nation.

With these considerations, we are confident the FLRAA program will ensure the Army maintains its technological edge and is prepared to counter any transregional, multi-domain, and multifunctional threat our nation faces for decades to come.

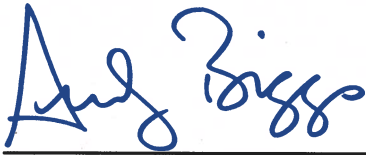
Sincerely,



Debbie Lesko
Member of Congress



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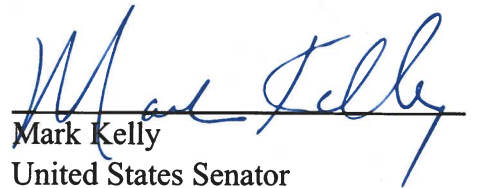
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Cc: The Honorable Christine Wormuth, Secretary of the Army

Cc: The Honorable Doug Bush, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology

Cc: The Honorable Jake Sullivan, National Security Advisor to the President